

**REMARKS**


The Office Action dated February 21, 2008 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner requires election of one of three patentably distinct Groups: Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a water-soluble fullerene; Group II, claims 16-18, drawn to a process for producing a water-soluble fullerene; and Group II, claims 19-23, drawn to an active oxygen generator. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-15.

By the accompanying amendment, claims 16-23 have been withdrawn without prejudice. In addition, improper multiple dependencies have been eliminated.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the limitations of claim 4, and claim 4 has been cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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